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1. [redacted] Russia has no intention of defending Bulgaria in the event of war with the United States, which the Russians feel is inevitable. The Russians believe that the adequate defense of Bulgaria, which is in a vulnerable position with Greece on one side and Turkey on the other, requires both a fleet and an air force. Since Russia does not have sufficient forces, she plans to take from Bulgaria all the materials and foodstuffs which can be removed, and then in the event of war, she expects to desert Bulgaria by pulling out her personnel.

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2. [redacted] the Russians have not furnished the Bulgarian Army and Air Force with more modern equipment and training aids.

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3. [redacted]

4. The Bulgarian Air Force possesses no link trainers. The present pilot-trainees are of poor caliber and are selected more for their party affiliations than for their ability. All Bulgarian pilots are trained in basic English, as are Russian pilots. English is not required for the ground forces, as soldiers may choose French, German or Italian.

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